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Subject: End of Season Trap Removal

To: Gypsy Moth Trappers

The 2001 Gypsy Moth Trapping season has ended. Because the adult portion of the gypsy moth life cycle is finished, no more male moths could be caught in 2001. **Two adult male gypsy moths were captured in a trap in Payson, AZ, in August.** Due to the presence of gypsy moth in the state, the collection and return of your traps to Forest Health has an even greater importance this year.

Thank you for the time and effort you have put into this monitoring program. We received several suspect moths from our trappers this year; none of the traps we received contained gypsy moths. The two moths collected were found in one trap in a private campground being monitored by the Arizona Department of Agriculture. This is an extremely important program in which we rely on your vigilance to detect gypsy moths accidentally introduced into Arizona. You are part of a cooperative effort working to prevent a gypsy moth infestation becoming established in our state.

**It is now time to take down all of your traps and return them to this office. Please do not leave any traps out in the field.** The pheromones in these traps continue to attract moths into the next season, even though the pheromone strength diminishes and becomes unreliable. Since these traps would not be checked, captured moths could go undetected.

**Please send all traps, deployed or unused, and all monitoring forms (Trap Location forms and Trap Monitoring forms) with a map of each site showing where the trap had been located to the following address:**

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If you have any questions concerning this letter or the gypsy moth detection program, please feel free to contact Steve Dudley (928-214-2469) or myself (928-527-3529).

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